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**SUBJECT: KEN WALDMAN PRESENTS ARTIST RESIDENCY THROUGH JASPER ARTS**

Ken Waldman, billed as Alaska's Fiddling Poet, will be artist-in-residence at Fifth Street School on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This program is being arranged through the arts in education program at Jasper Community Arts.

A former college professor, Waldman has drawn on his 25 years in Alaska to produce poems, stories, and fiddle tunes that combine into a performance uniquely his. In addition to a school performance at Fifth Street, Waldman will spend most of the day visiting classrooms and working with children on writing exercises. While his specialty is writing—and this work is all about literacy and involves fundamental curriculum markers—his programs also include lessons in geography, math, critical thinking, and music. Indeed, Ken is sometimes invited to schools to work with a strings program, and in those settings the writing is the secondary discipline.

Using both his fiddle and a repertoire of proven writing exercises, he has led workshops in over 200 schools in 31 states nationwide, and has been a guest writer at over 80 colleges and universities. To learn more about Waldman, check him out on the web at: [www.kenwaldman.com](http://www.kenwaldman.com).

While the school residency is not open to the public, Waldman will be making a public appearance at the Jasper Public Library the evening before his school residency. He will have some of his many CDs and books for sale there as well as a demonstration of his Appalachian-style string music.

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